

REMARKS

Claims 1-42, 56-67, 69, 73-100, and 102-106 are pending.

The Office Action stated that “the reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because the error which is relied upon to support the reissue application is not an error upon which a reissue can be based.” All of the claims were rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 251.

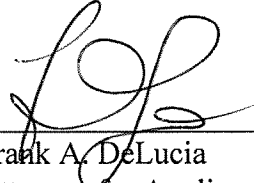
Attached hereto is a Supplemental Reissue Declaration For Reissue Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.175). The Supplemental Reissue Declaration is believed to be in compliance with the requirement set forth in the Office Action and with 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a) and 35 U.S.C. § 251. In a telephone conversation on or around March 27, 2007, the Examiner (at least tentatively) indicated that the Supplemental Reissue Declaration would overcome the issues raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of those issues.

All of the claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants therefore respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present reissue application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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